

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:

RONALD N. YEAPLE

Serial No. **To Be Assigned**

Filing Date: **Of Even Date Herewith**

For: **INDIVIDUAL BOOKBINDING DEVICE,
SYSTEM AND ASSOCIATED METHODS**

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PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL PURSUANT TO MPEP 708.02 IV

Comes now the Applicant, Ronald N. Yeaple, in the above-identified patent application, and respectfully petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to grant accelerated status for the prosecution of this application.

This Petition is supported by the attached Affidavit of Inventor Ronald N. Yeaple, indicating his age as 68 years, and pursuant to the provisions of MPEP 708.02 IV, serves as the basis for requesting accelerated prosecution. A favorable decision on this Petition is respectfully solicited.

If the further prosecution of this Petition can be facilitated through a telephone conference between the Commissioner's Office and the undersigned, the Office is requested to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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AFFIDAVIT OF INVENTOR UNDER M.P.E.P. 708.02 IV

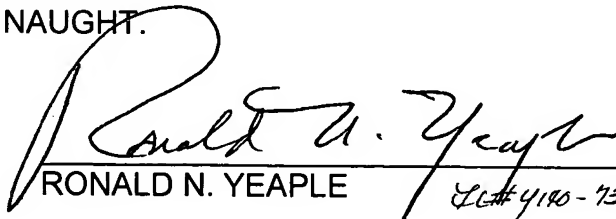
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COUNTY OF VOLUSIA

I, RONALD N. YEAPLE, having first appeared before the duly undersigned officer who is authorized to administer oaths in the State of Florida, did depose and say:

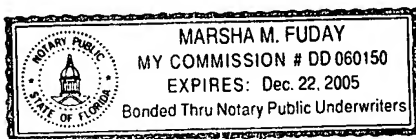
1. I was born in Rochester, New York, on April 14, 1935, and am presently 68 years of age.


2. I respectfully request that the United States Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks expedite the consideration of my accompanying patent application under the provisions of M.P.E.P. 708.02 IV.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.


RONALD N. YEAPLE *LC# 4140-734-35-134-0*

Sworn to and subscribed before me by the said Ronald N. Yeaple, who is personally known to me or who has produced Id. Mr. Lee as identification, this 14th day of December, 2003.




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My Commissioner Expires.